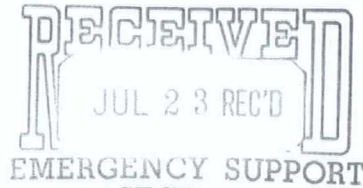




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July 15, 1998

Ms. Beth A. Henning
Emergency Response Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SE-5J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Re: A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company
Request for Information Pursuant to Sections 308 and 311 of the Clean Water Act

Dear Ms. Henning:

I am the attorney for A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company ("Staley") in connection with the above Request. This letter is written to confirm our telephone messages of July 14 regarding the Request. I had called to request an additional two weeks to submit Staley's response to the Request, and you agreed, meaning that Staley's response will be sent in time to be received at your office no later than August 18, 1998.

In addition, this letter will serve to advise you that I will serve as Staley's agent for receipt of all correspondence concerning the Request or anything else relating to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Marc W. Larson
Corporate Counsel

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